

HUNTS SOLDIER SON, THOUGH IN DEAD LIST

Brooklyn Mother Believes Boy, Minus Both Legs, Is Now Ashamed to Return.

VISITS MANY HOSPITALS

Hope Based on Reports of His Having Been Seen Despite U. S. Records.

Army officers and hospital superintendents for months have been listening with sympathy to the story of Mrs. Henrietta Restiano of 181 Fourteenth street, Brooklyn, who in the face of what appears to be convincing proof refuses to believe that her son, Corporal Alfred Restiano, formerly of Battery B, Seventh Field Artillery, was killed in France.

Mrs. Restiano, who lives with her six children on the ground floor of the house in Brooklyn, believes that somewhere in the United States her son is hiding, afraid to come home because he does not want her to see that his legs are off and that he cannot work. She has visited most of the army hospitals this side of the Pacific coast and she is going there next summer if she can raise enough money.

The army records, which Mrs. Restiano refuses to believe, show that Corporal Restiano was wounded by a shell in the fighting in the Argonne in the autumn of 1918. He is supposed to have died October 31, 1918, in Base Hospital No. 11, Brest. A nurse at the hospital, however, sent the mother the usual notification card saying that her son was "getting along nicely and would be home soon." Later she was informed by the War Department that her son had been buried in Grave No. 51 at Nantes, on September 16, 1920, a body, supposed to be her son's, was brought back and buried with military honors in St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Soldier Loses Both Legs.

Soon after the notice of the wounding of Corporal Restiano was received, another notice announced that it had been found necessary to amputate both his legs. Then followed the notice of his death and burial. Doubt did not enter Mrs. Restiano's mind until two young men came to her and told her they had come over on the same ship with her son. They said his legs were off, but that he was cheerful and doing well.

On February 6, 1920, she received a card postmarked Washington, which said simply: "I am Alfred Restiano, Battery B." The mother went to Washington, taking with her a group picture of the family in which Alfred appeared. Her oldest daughter, Anna, aged 29, said last night that authorities at Walter Eaton Hospital picked out Alfred in the picture. They told the mother that he had been there several months, but that they did not know what had become of him after that.

Mrs. Restiano is receiving the benefits of a \$5,000 insurance policy, but she believes her son had a policy for \$10,000 and that he is living somewhere on the other side of the world. She believes he has arranged with the Government authorities to keep the facts from her. She believes he has managed to "fix" everybody who might help her find him.

Appeals to U. S. Officials.

She has been in this country twenty-eight years but she speaks only Italian. Nevertheless, she has appealed personally to the Secretary of War, to the heads of various bureaus in Washington, to all the hospitals in the East and to the commanding officer at Camp Dix. They have shown her records which ordinarily would be convincing, but Mrs. Restiano recalls the postcard from Washington, which she says was in her son's handwriting, and the fact that several persons said they had seen her son alive.

The other members of the family share the belief of the mother. Besides Anna the children are: Clement, aged 26; Angelo, 16; Margaret, 14; Carmelo, 13, and Angelina, 9. The father is in Italy. "My brother said before he went to war," explained Anna last night, "that if he was wounded he would never come back. Mother's asleep now, but lots of nights she stays up worrying about him. We don't make much money, but we're going to keep on hunting for him. He's hiding from us somewhere because he doesn't want mother to see that his legs are gone and he's useless."

METHODIST PENSION FUND NOW \$600,000
Conference Hopes to Raise \$1,000,000 for Ministers.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Poughkeepsie, April 1.—The general endowment fund for retired ministers was raised from \$250,000 to \$600,000 by the New York Methodist Conference today. The resolution was introduced by the Rev. Dr. E. S. Tipple, president of Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J.

Delegates today considered detailed financials, Methodist educational institutions, advanced progress of undergraduate planning to enter this conference and technical conference details. This conference is better off financially than in any previous year.

Dr. Joseph Hingray, secretary of the Board of Conference Claims, expressed the hope of raising \$1,000,000 for annual pensions for retired ministers.

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Treasury Cannot Cash Its Check for 19 Cents

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The United States may be the wealthiest nation in the world, but its Treasury cannot cash a check for 19 cents issued to one of the dollar-a-year men who served it during the war.

Hugo D. Newhouse, San Francisco attorney, served for two and one-half months prior to the armistice. He wanted the check as a souvenir, and enlisted the efforts of Senator Shortridge of California to get it. It came yesterday, but across one corner was indorsed the notation that no funds were immediately available to pay it. The amount was computed on the actual basis of \$1 a year.

Senator Shortridge in sending the check to his constituent urged that he be lenient in attempting to force collection.

NEW LAWS TIGHTEN GRIP ON MOTORISTS

Crime Now for Driver to Flee After Accident—Thefts Made More Difficult.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau.

Tightening up of the motor vehicle laws against defacing identification marks on automobiles and running away after an accident is provided for in two bills signed by Gov. Miller today.

The first is directed at thieves who strip cars of their parts, remove their identification marks and sell them. It makes it a misdemeanor to deface or remove the identification mark on any mechanical device on a car. It previously had been a crime to alter or destroy serial numbers or other distinguishing numbers on the cars themselves, the purpose of which was to curb the stealing of automobiles.

The second bill closes some of the loopholes in the law making it a crime for an automobilist to run away after injuring another person or causing property damage. The new law states that "any person operating a motor vehicle who, knowing that injury has been caused to a person, due to the culpability of the person operating such motor vehicle, or to accident, leaves the place of said injury or accident without stopping and giving his name, residence and license number to the injured party and also to a police officer, or in case no police officer is in the vicinity then reporting same to the nearest police station or judicial officer, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Conviction for violation of this must be reported to the State Tax Commission. Police or judicial officers receiving reports of such accidents are to make a memorandum of all the facts and deliver them to the police justice or magistrate of the city or village.

MARCH MOTOR DEATHS INCREASE IN STATE

Failure to Pass Motor License Law Deplored.

Continued increase in motor accidents and fatalities is seen by Col. Edward S. Cornell, president of the National Highway Protective Society in the failure of the Legislature to pass a law compelling the licensing of all drivers of motor vehicles in the State. He intimated that certain interests had blocked proposed legislation.

The society yesterday issued its March report, showing 111 persons met death in motor accidents in New York State, including the greater city.

In March, 1921, 108 persons were killed by motors; in March, 1920, 61. In New York city 69 persons were killed by motors last month and 8 by trolley cars.

WAGE CUT REJECTED BY GRANITE WORKERS

20,000 Men in 18 New England Centers Are Out.

Boston, April 1 (Associated Press).—Union granite workers in eighteen New England centers today rejected a two year working agreement entailing a 20 per cent. wage reduction and announced that they would not resume work until a new contract was signed.

James Duncan, president of the Granite Cutters' International Association of North America, informed the employers that the local's signature to the old agreement, which expired last midnight, had voted unanimously not to sign a contract reducing the daily wage of cutters from \$8 to \$6.40. It is said 20,000 men are affected.

The board of control, which represents the International Monumental Granite Producers' Association; the National Building Granite Producers' Association and the Granite Paving Block Manufacturers' Association of the United States, immediately issued a statement declaring that "the refusal of the union to concede any reductions from war schedules has forced the adoption of the American plan, which is now in effect in practically all the granite centers."

HOTELS TRY RECEIVING RADIO IN THEIR ROOMS

Conversations With Ships Predicted.

Guests at the McAlpin and Waldorf hotels now may get radio concerts and lectures merely by listening in at the ordinary telephones in the hotel rooms. It was announced yesterday.

H. R. Martin, telephone manager for the L. M. Boomer hotels, has installed a radio receiving device in the telephone switchboard room of the McAlpin and has arranged that guests may have the music forwarded to their rooms. Yesterday Clinton T. Brainerd, Col. Benjamin P. McAlpin, L. M. Boomer and others connected with the hotels heard the WJZ concert at Newark.

Mr. Martin says he is able to receive messages and connect guests so that they can hear stations at Arlington, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Springfield, Newark and other cities. He predicted that soon it will be possible for a passenger aboard the Aquitania at sea to call up a friend at the McAlpin or Waldorf.

NO RENT BOOST WHERE ONE PLANT HEATS SEVEN

Lawyer Beats Cottage Landlord in Fight.

The fact the heating plant in the basement of the cottage he occupies in Castleton Park, Staten Island, serves six other cottages saves \$37.50 a month for Arthur A. Whitcomb, a lawyer, who for six months has been fighting an attempt by the Castleton Realty Company to increase his rent from \$93.50 to \$130.

The company leased the cottage to Whitcomb in 1920 at \$92.50 a month. Last autumn he was informed of a \$37.50 increase. He refused to pay and the company sued in the Municipal Court.

Justice Widemeyer held that since the steam plant is for seven cottages it is reasonable to allow Whitcomb \$300 a year for its use, which leaves about an 8 per cent. profit on the landlord company's investment meeting a recent decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Four Quit Jail for Farm on a Leave of Absence

WILLISTON, N. D., April 1.—Four farmers serving jail sentences have been released by order of District Judge Lowe here to enable them to take care of the season's work on their farms. It was learned today. They are to return to the county jail November 1 to complete their sentences.

ARBUCKLE TO TESTIFY IN TRIAL THIS WEEK

Virginia Rappe's Words During Treatment Repeated.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Virginia Rappe uttered no word but "don't" while receiving treatment from guests of the party in Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle's hotel room, according to testimony of

Fred Fischbach at Arbuckle's manslaughter trial today.

Prosecution witnesses had said Miss Rappe muttered "He hurt me."

Arbuckle is expected to testify early next week. Both sides agreed today that the trial would require at least two more weeks.

Philo McCullough, a Los Angeles motion picture actor, testified that while Miss Rappe was attending a party at which he was present she had a severe attack of abdominal pains.

MEXICO DISLIKES CABARETS.

Mexico City, April 1.—The capital of Mexico is no place for an American cabaret. Restaurateurs from the United States who have risked their money in such ventures here have found that they are not popular and within the last few months a number of professional entertainers from the United States have returned to the border as best they could after finding that there are no opportunities here for their special line of work.

Mexican cafe frequenters have found American jazz acceptable, but efforts to popularize professional dancers and singers have met with no success.

WOULD SETTLE ESTATE OF EDWARD MORGAN

Grandson Seeks Clear Title to Great Neck Land.

Frederick Hamilton Morgan of Hampton, Va., a grandson of Edward Morgan, whose estate has been in process of settlement in the Surrogate's Court since July, 1917, and a nephew of the first wife of August Belmont, applied to the court yesterday for a decree clearing the title to a large tract of land at Great Neck, L. I., which, he maintains, forms an undistributed part of his grandfather's residuary estate.

His grandfather, his application states, was a partner in the firm of M. Morgan & Sons, which was a flourishing concern in this city forty years ago, but which got into difficulties in 1884, when it made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. Each of the partners put his personal fortune and property into the hands of the assignee, and Edward Morgan made a deed to the assignee of the Great Neck property, which then was worth only a small part of its value now. He died in 1917.

According to the petition of Frederick Hamilton Morgan the assignee made an arrangement satisfactory to the creditors without including the Great Neck property, and in any case, Mr. Morgan insists, the assignee's authority to sell it as well as his temporary title to it terminated when the Supreme Court revoked his appointment in 1909, after the affairs of the Morgan firm had been wound up.

NEW RADIO BROADCASTER.

Will Be Opened in Wanamaker's With Call of WWZ.

A new broadcasting station, with the call WWZ, will be opened to-morrow in the John Wanamaker store, with an address by radio by Mayor Hylan. In addition to the Mayor's address there will be a musical program. The concert will be a daily feature of the city's newest broadcasting station.

STEWART & CO. Present the Newest Fashions

So that Madame and Mademoiselle may be Correctly Attired for the EASTER PROMENADE

Deep in the heart of every Woman or Miss lies the desire to be correctly attired during Spring's official opening—Easter tide. It is toward fulfilling this wish—in fact, we may say absolute necessity—that Stewart & Co. has assembled Parisian and American creations resplendent in color, gorgeous in ornamentation and extremely graceful in their new, slender silhouettes. One would think that this exquisite apparel would command an exorbitant price, but on the contrary it has never been so moderate.

Paris Dresses—just arrived on S.S. La Lorraine

69.50

85.00

Paris—that inexhaustible world of fashion—sends this entrancing dress to accentuate the feminine charms of the American woman. Deftly designed and executed in French Georgette Crepe, it is no less smart than it is attractive. Lavished with steel beading in a motive so different and so effective, it is truly a French masterpiece—and who can improve upon a masterpiece!

The combined beauty of French Silk Crepe de Chine and scintillating steel and silver bead embellishment effects a gorgeous gown of compelling piquancy. Graceful, distinctive and inimitable in its deft fashioning, it will readily evoke the admiration of the fashion-critical woman who disdains the conventional and seeks the individual without being bizarre.

Costume Suits—showing the new slender silhouette

45.00

59.50

69.50

The preeminent feature of this smart straightline suit of Twill Cord is the impeccable tailoring which gives it a grace and fluency of line to be envied. Its engagingly simple lines impart slenderness. The link button long jacket with Peter Pan collar, cuffed tapering sleeves and diagonal inset pockets are details worthy of mention. Silk crepe in light shade lines the jacket.

Fashion favors the three piece costume Suit, and this elegantly fashioned model of Piquette will readily win the favor of the woman of higher dress ideals. The new long silhouette will impart that much admired slenderness to the wearer. The dress of self material is smartly combined with contrastingly colored silk Canton Crepe to match coat's lining.

Attired in this lovely suit of Twill Cord you will receive many admiring glances while strolling down the Avenue. The straight lines of the considerably lengthened coat are graced by the effective use of silk Soutache embroidery. The well fitting shoulders and sleeves, unique notched collar and triangular pockets are features of interest. Silk crepe lined.

Coats and Capes—conceived for Women of Fashion

69.50

49.50

85.00

Of irresistible beauty is this coat of Twill Cord, and never before has silk fringe been so effectively used as in this pleasing model. The clever throw scarf terminates in silk fringe, as do the tapering sleeves. An ornamental chain girdle with alternating wooden beads encircles the waist and the silk crepe lining lends its brilliant hue to enhance the beauty of the coat.

It is indispensable that the fashionable woman or miss include a cape in her Spring wardrobe, as the occasions for its wear are numerous. Radiating a refreshing smartness this adorable cape of heavy silk Canton Crepe is enriched with chic stand-up collar of caracul fur. And the brilliant contrastingly colored silk crepe lining lends added attractiveness.

Patou has adopted the two newest modes, the drape and the cape, and combined them into an exquisite creation. Stewart & Co. have made an exact reproduction of this draped cape in Crepe Nippon with its graceful lines in exact detail. Whether your preference be that of a Platinum Fox collar or one that is hand braided of self material—both are unusually smart.

BOOTS AND SHOES—

in new material combinations

What fashionable woman or miss would feel that she was properly attired for the Easter promenade without a new pair of shoes or the favored Russian Boots? The newest cut-out and strap models with smart red heels and more conservative types in various material combinations give the foot the graceful line so desired. Also Sports shoe for the Sports-loving

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